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PART VI.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per. 32-1, dated the 28th August 1916, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the reports of progress of village improvement work in the several districts during the quarter ending 30th June 1916, together with a copy of his review thereon.

ORDER No. R. 3948-59—L. R. 12-16-34, DATED 1ST NOVEMBER 1916.

A consolidated statement showing the progress of Village Improvement Work in all the districts during the quarter ended 30th June 1916, is appended.

2. *Village Committees.*—The number of committees reported to be working in the several districts during the quarter was 8,171 against 8,023, in the previous quarter, the difference being due to the rise in the number of committees in all the districts, except Hassan, Shimoga and Kadur, where the number remained stationary.

The number of villages served by the committees rose to 14,557, which raises the percentage of populated villages in the State which have adopted the scheme from 84 to 86.

The number of villages for which committees have yet to be appointed in the Kadur District has not been furnished by the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, and the number of such villages for Bangalore, Hoskote, Doddballapur, Nela-mangala, Channapatna and Karkanhalli Taluks has not been also furnished by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District. Such omissions should be avoided in future.

3. *Essential duties under the scheme.*—Government are pleased to note the steady increase in the number of Village Committees which engaged themselves in performing the essential duties under the scheme, viz., (1) half a day a week labour for carrying on work of communal benefit, (2) weekly meetings for instruction and recreation, (3) subscribing for one or more newspapers, the numbers under which rose from 3,629, 2,731 and 3,543 respectively in the previous quarter to 3,825, 2,830 and 3,670 during the quarter under review. All the districts contributed to the increase except Mysore, where the number of villages that devoted half a day a week for works of communal benefit fell from 426 to 367. This requires explanation.

4. *Special village improvement works.*—The number of Village Committees that carried out special works of village improvement with the aid of Government grants increased from 870 in the previous quarter to 981 in the quarter under review, the increase occurring in all the districts, except Tumkur, Mysore and Shimoga. The villagers' contribution for such works amounted to Rs. 37,830 against Rs. 26,375 in the previous quarter, while the Government grant-in-aid also increased, being Rs. 34,830 during the quarter against Rs. 26,561 in the previous one. The sum actually spent on works during the quarter was Rs. 31,590 against Rs. 10,642 in the previous one. The disproportion between the amount available for expenditure and that actually spent is striking and requires explanation. Being the last quarter of the year every effort should have been made to spend the total amount.

Nearly 747 miles of cart-tracks are reported to have been newly opened or improved under the scheme, the Bangalore District heading the list with 206 miles.

5. *Amildars who have done good work under the scheme.*—The Amildars of Hoskote, Doddballapur, Channapatna, Magadi, Tumkur (Mr. S. Dharma Rao), Kunigal (Mr. B. M. Venkatesiah), Channarayapatna (Mr. Hyder Ali Khan), Arsikere (Mr. A. J. Donne), Shikaripur (Mr. T. Swaminatha Sastri), Sagar (Mr. Mohy-uddin Sheriff), Hiriya and Challakere Taluks are reported to have done good work under the scheme.

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To—The Revenue Commissioner in Mysore with the request that the names of the 12 Amildars selected for special mention as directed in letter No. R. 11212—L.R. 15-15, dated 1st June 1916; may kindly be reported to Government forthwith.

The Deputy Commissioners of Districts—

The Comptroller, Mysore Government.

The Secretary, Economic Conference.

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore.

PRESS TABLE.

Statement showing the progress in the working of the Village Improvement Scheme in all the districts for the quarter ending 30th June 1916.

No.	District	Village Committees and population			Committees that devote half a day a week for village improvement work by joint labour		Committees that have been subscribing for one or more newspapers		Committees holding weekly meetings for recreation and instruction		Number of Village Committees that have carried out special works for village improvement	Cost of the works carried out with the aid of Government grant				Length of cart-tracks newly opened or improved	Number of villages in which committees have yet to be formed
		Number of Village Committees in existence	Total number of villages served by the committees	Total population served by the committees	Number of Village Committees	Total population of the villages concerned	Number of Village Committees	Total population of the villages concerned	Number of Village Committees	Total population of the villages concerned							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
1	Bangalore	1,080	1,653	504,664	748	384,129	620	339,337	605	313,969	271	13,429	11,990	25,419	9,048	206 0	196
2	Kolar	1,072	2,203	551,213	601	291,636	337	204,758	363	180,960	171	7,826	6,802	1,46,288	7,577	151 4	474
3	Tumkur	1,249	2,180	607,298	666	330,664	562	304,582	453	245,944	136	4,029	3,951	7,980	4,031	34 4	253
4	Mysore	1,580	2,475	1,074,919	867	234,900	533	454,437	280	553,711	119	1,941	1,754	3,695	319	23 6	262
5	Hassan	999	2,142	509,412	371	181,927	448	206,773	252	128,198	79	388	388	775	1,274	127 5	22
6	Shimoga	846	1,750	438,341	354	170,592	456	238,137	233	170,226	90	3,239	3,978	7,267	2,077	75 6	3
7	Kadur	522	913	311,728	93	51,091	221	118,947	118	72,813	39	320	321	641	250	65 6	Not furnished
8	Chitaldrug	853	1,241	516,639	625	374,514	493	351,789	476	307,310	76	6,608	5,646	12,254	7,114	62 0	6
	Total	8,171	14,557	4,514,244	3,825	2,069,453	3,670	2,218,750	2,880	1,673,131	981	37,830	34,830	72,659	31,530	746 7	1,216

* This figure includes only 73 for the Bangalore Taluk. It is since reported that the correct figure for this taluk was 173 and not 73.

† Excluding Bangalore, Hoskote, Doddballapur, Nelamangala, Channapatna and Kankanhalli Taluks for which figures not furnished.